

Rush County Health Board Meeting

Date: November 21, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Helen Steussy, MD- Health Officer
Fred Philips, DVM- Chairperson
Tai Morrell, NP- Vice-Chairperson
Russell Daugherty, MD

Carol Yager - MT
Greg Pratt-RPH
Kendra Steible
Bruce Levi
Sherry McKinney- Clerical

Guest:

None

Review of Minutes & Departmental Reports:

There was one correction on the October Minutes. The date at the top needed to be changed to October 17, 2017, instead of November 21, 2017. Tai moved to accept the minutes, after the change was made. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Departmental Reports. No corrections were needed. Greg moved to accept the Nursing, Preparedness, Community Outreach and Environmental reports. Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Sherry told the board that she had received word from the Auditor that the advance on the fall taxes was approved. She told the board the advance we receive will be deducted from the total we will get in December.

PHAB Report:

Dr. Steussy told the board that she and Marge have been working on Quality Improvement plans. She plans to have them done by the end of the year. Dr. Steussy told the board that the all staff meeting for the Health Department was cancelled until all the staff could attend. Dr.

Steussy would like more staff input concerning quality improvement in their areas of the office.

Board Improvement

Dr. Steussy told the board that one of the things PHAB wanted was for the board to review action taken each month and do an assessment on how productive the actions have been. Sherry and Dr. Steussy have been working on changing the agenda and the minutes to highlight actions taken. She had Sherry make copies of the Indiana Local Boards of Health Orientation Manual to hand out to the board members. Dr. Steussy told the board members they need to develop ideas on quality improvement.

Operation Improvement

Dr. Steussy and Marge did research on the Opioid take back program. They were thinking about starting it after the New Year, when people are thinking about resolutions. There is a national take back drug day in November. The goal is to have one in January and one on the national day in November and continue doing this yearly. It wouldn't be just for opioids, it would be for all drugs that people wanted to get rid of. The place is still to be determined. Then another idea for Quality Improvement is to find ways to control provider Opioid prescriptions. Tai mentioned that we now have a pain Doctor, and it should help control it, and there are guidelines that providers now have to follow. Dr. Steussy asked Dr. Daugherty to bring in a copy of the guidelines for physicians concerning pain medications.

Community Improvement

Dr. Steussy told the board about an email she received from the mayor. He was wanting a letter of support from the board concerning a grant the city is trying to get for walking trails in the city. Bruce moved for Dr. Steussy to write a letter from the board to the mayor for support in the grant for the trails. Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Dr. Steussy told the board that she and Sherry have been working on changes to Agenda and the Minutes to highlight the actions taken. She also had Sherry make copies of the Indiana Local Boards of Health Orientation Manual to hand out to the board members.

Old Business:

Dr. Steussy and Julie still need to make arrangements to meet with the Auditor concerning the DLGF workshop.

New Business:

Lisa, Dixie, and Dr. Steussy are looking into effective ways to decrease the tobacco use in the city. They have the Quit line that we refer people to, but would like to think of other ways to get people to listen. Greg mentioned maybe they could have someone speak with the kids and adults about smoking before a ball game. Greg is going to check into this and let us know.

Kendra and Tai's appointments with the board were ending in December, but both of them agreed to sign on for another four years on the board.

Greg shared a presentation with the board concerning the Health Board's web page. He thinks it needs to be more user friendly. When someone signs on to the Health Departments web page, it is hard for a person to know where to go, for example to see what the fees are . He also thinks the public should be able to do this online, because some people work and aren't able to get to the office before it closes. If the web site would offer a way to pay for these services then a person wouldn't have to leave work early to get in the office before it closes. He also mentioned that the board needs to think about hiring a strong Office Manager that has training in public health and other areas and can run the office more efficiently.

Adjournment:

Tai moved to adjourn the meeting. Kendra seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:20

Next Meeting:

January 16, 2018, 7 p.m.